

Amendments to the Drawing

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 36. This sheet, which includes only FIG. 36, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 36. In FIG. 36, reference numeral 3608 and the associated lead line have been moved farther from the margin. Also, the box referred to by reference numeral 3608 has been moved slightly farther from the margin.

Attachment: One Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

By this paper, claims FIG. 36 of the drawing has been resubmitted. Replacement of FIG. 36 in the drawings of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed November 25, 2008, it was asserted that "the drawings are objected to because Figure 36 has the stamp through the part of the drawing on the left side of the drawing figure page. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application."

A fully responsive Amendment to the Office Action was filed on March 25, 2009. In reviewing the objection to the drawings, Figure 36 as filed was reviewed carefully to locate the objected-to "stamp through the part of the drawing on the left side of the drawing figure page." Applicants' file copy of the drawings as filed did not include such a "stamp." The published copy of the application, US patent publication number US 2002/0169760 A1, does not include any such stamp. With no further explanation, Applicants could not reasonably correct the objected-to matter.

Only upon reviewing the on-line PAIR file for the application for another purpose was the apparent objected-to "stamp" discovered. The drawing sheets available at the USPTO PAIR web site include stamped-on information near the margin at the left side of each drawing sheet. The stamped-on information appears to be the serial number and filing date of the application. Since this version of the application papers exists only in the PTO's files and on the PAIR database, Applicants had no way of discovering this PTO stamping. As noted, a careful review of the as-filed papers in Applicants' possession and of the application as published by the PTO gave no indication of any "stamp."

Nevertheless, now that the objected-to PTO stamp has been discovered, Applicants hereby submit a replacement page bearing replacement FIG. 36. No new matter is added by this replacement page. In the replacement figure, reference numeral 3608 and the lead line to the associated flow diagram box have been moved farther away from the region near the margin where the PTO might stamp the drawing sheet.

Further, the flow diagram box designated 3608 has been moved slightly to the right, farther away from the stamping region near the left hand margin. Review and acceptance of this replacement drawing are respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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